

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, June 10, 2009, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Austin Short (representing Edwin Kee, Secretary of Agriculture)
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Kevin Coyle (representing Collin O'Mara, Secretary of DNREC)
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	Velda Jones-Potter, State Treasurer
L. Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer	G. Ray Staats
Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.	

Absent: Joseph Wick.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Cathy Mesick, Robin West, and Kathi Spangler.

Others in attendance: William Denman, and Mr. Mike Brown.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 997 farms in preservation districts totaling 148,278 acres, with a total of 555 farms under agricultural easements totaling 94,803 acres at a cost of \$156,518,032. For PDR 15 there are a total of 54 farms, comprising 3,985 acres, with a value of \$52,263,437. For PDR 16, there are a total of 9 farms, comprising 577 acres, with a value of \$6,875,414. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 34 Forestland Preservation Areas comprising 2,506 acres

II. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. RST Layton Expansion of the Old Morgan School District, ID#S-09-03-016L. After discussion, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the RST Layton Expansion of the Old Morgan School District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. Hastings Expansion #1 of the Hastings District, ID#S-08-12-251A. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Hastings Expansion #1 of the Hastings District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**
3. Hastings Expansion #3 of the Hastings District, ID#S-08-12-251C. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Hastings Expansion #3 of the Hastings District, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Secretary of Agriculture's Veto – Secretary Kee was not present at the meeting.

IV. Public Comments - No public comments were forthcoming.

V. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the May 13, 2009, minutes. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **William Vanderwende moved to approve the May minutes, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick presented the Financial Summary for the month of May, 2009, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of May 31, 2009, \$149,759.76 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We received \$676.21 revenue from rollback taxes. Expenditures for the month of May totaled \$77,327.90. After

discussion **Kevin Coyle moved to approve the May 2009 financial statement as presented, seconded by Ray Staats. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Executive Session – There was no need for an Executive Session.

VIII. Other Business

Michael McGrath and William Denman presented to the Board SB 129, having to do with waste water irrigation on agricultural land. It will be necessary to have farmland preservation land excluded from this bill because of the conflict between the provisions of the bill and the current regulations of our Act. Discussion followed concerning an amendment to SB 129 and the support of the Secretary of Agriculture on this issue.

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on July 8, 2009 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Davenport
Secretary